



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Housing Authority of the City of Fresno, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Housing Authority of the City of Fresno was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Of Fresno's 427,652 residents, 6,083 live in the target area, which is one of the city's oldest residential neighborhoods. It is surrounded by properties that are zoned for agricultural, industrial and commercial uses. The population is multi-ethnic and culturally diverse; approximately 47 percent of families in the area have incomes below the poverty level. Increased home prices in Fresno have placed home ownership out of reach for low-income families. Revitalization of the area will bring new affordable housing, a walking trail,



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II site assessments, and prioritize sites contaminated with hazardous substances or petroleum along a one-mile area in southwest Fresno. Funds will also be used to develop cleanup plans and conduct community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

and a day care center to the neighborhood. It is also expected to create new jobs, contributing to the economic development of the neighborhood and the city.